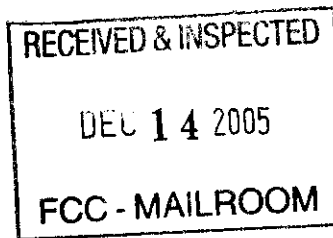


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December 7, 2005

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND FACSIMILE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 04-223
Submission of Acknowledgement Concerning Compliance with Protective Order

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of ATX Communications, Inc. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Protective Order adopted on June 25, 2004 in the above referenced proceedings,¹ I am submitting herewith copies of the Acknowledgement of Confidentiality executed by Eric J. Branfman, Russell M. Blau and Joshua M. Bobeck of this firm, to obtain access to the confidential materials of Qwest Corporation in the above referenced proceeding.

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¹ In the Matter of Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area, WC Docket No. 04-223, Protective Order, 19 F.C.C. Red 11377 (2004).

The parties referenced below have been served, via U.S. mail and facsimile with this letter and signed Acknowledgements of Confidentiality. Please do not hesitate to call me at (202) 424-7500 if any questions should arise in connection with this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott D. Woods".

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I have received a copy of the Protective Order in WC Docket No. 04-223. I have read the order and agree to comply with and be bound by the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. The signatory understands, in particular, that unauthorized disclosure, or the use of the information for competitive commercial or business purposes, will constitute a violation of this Protective Order.

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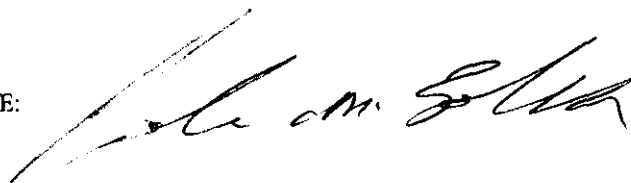
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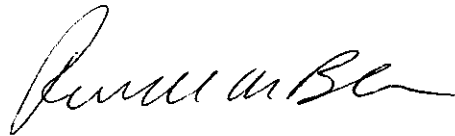
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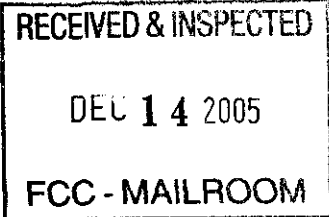
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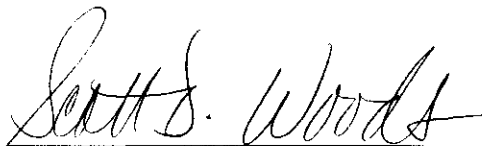
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Scott D. Woods, do hereby certify that on this 7th of December 2005, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Acknowledgements by delivering copies thereof via first class mail and facsimile to the following:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott D. Woods", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Scott D. Woods" is printed in a standard font.